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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINDERMERE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Windermere.

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District during the year 1945. The Report follows the lines of those presented during the past few years.

I am indebted to the help I have received from the School Medical Officers of the County in the carrying out of Immunisation against Diphtheria and tend to them my thanks.

The work of the Sanitary Inspector has been most efficient and though often entailing overtime, has been cheerfully carried out and I would thank him for his valuable help.

The Medical Profession has given me all the assistance required and so assured harmonious working between the departments of Private and Public Medicine; for this I am most grateful.

As this will probably be the last occasion on which I shall make an Annual Report to you, I wish to acknowledge the unfailing help I have received from your Officials and for the constant courtesy given to me by your Council during the more than 31 years of my happy service.

Should you desire any further particulars I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

1st July, 1946.

**Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year
ending December 31st, 1945.**

Area (acres)	1,877
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population mid 1945	7,637

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live Births.

Legitimate Total	75 (45 M., 30 F.)			
Illegitimate Total	12 (3 M., 9 F.)			
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	...	11.8
Birth Rate, England and Wales	...	...	...	16.1

Still Births.

Total	1 (1 M.)			
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	0.13
Still Birth Rate England and Wales	...	...	...	0.46

Deaths.

Total	94 (41 M., 53 F.)			
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	12.7			
Death Rate, England and Wales	...	...	...	11.4
Deaths from Puerperal Causes:—				
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate, England and Wales	1.79			
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—				
All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	34
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	40			
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil			
Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales	...	...	...	46
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	Nil
The largest number of deaths from any one cause were:—				
Heart Disease	...	...	...	24
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	...	...	...	22
Cancer	...	...	...	12

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

The supply is adequate in quantity and the quality is good.

Housing.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 2,000 and licences to build 20 further houses have been granted.

No overcrowding has occurred.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

266 inspections have been made; any defects and nuisances found have been dealt with on representations to the Owners.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Action has been required in one case to prevent sheds being used as dwellings; there were two registered camping sites in the District.

Bed Bugs.

One case of infestation has been dealt with. This was due to importation through clothes.

Hostels.

There are no Hostels or official evacuees now in the District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Routine inspections of farms and dairies have been carried out.

As a result of representation to the landlord a cowshed for 12 cows at Orrest Head Farm has been re-conditioned and is now satisfactory.

14 samples of milk were submitted for tests for cleanliness of which 5 were quite satisfactory, 2 others passed the Methylene Blue Test, 4 the B. Coli test and 3 passed neither test. 7 samples were examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli and none were found.

Meat and Other Foods.

Meat is supplied from the Central Slaughterhouse at Kendal.

Premises where food is prepared have been periodically inspected.

The following foodstuffs have been condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

29 tins of Meat.	2 Luncheon Hams.
15 tins of Fish.	8 lbs of Bacon.
28 tins of Vegetables.	42 lbs. of Cheese.
6 tins of Soup.	50 lbs. of Dried Milk.
71 tins of Milk.	12 lbs of Puddings.
1 tin of Jam.	3 doz. Malt Loaves
90 lbs. Frozen Pork.	5 cartons Energen Bread
40 lbs. Liver.	1 packet Quaker Oats.
97 stones of Fish.	A Quantity of Fish Cakes.
36 lbs. of Sausage.	

Adulteration, etc., and Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and this work is carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were three cases of Scarlet Fever, one of which had contracted the disease outside the Area, one case of Diphtheria and 2 cases of Pneumonia, 34 cases of Measles and 2 of Whooping Cough were also notified.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria has been continued, 47 children under 5 years and 121 of school age having been immunised.

The School Medical Officer state that a high standard of Health, Nutrition and Cleanliness has been maintained throughout the year amongst the school children.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES TABLE.

DISEASE.	Totals.	Ages.												Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
		-1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	55-	65-		
Scarlet Fever ..	3	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Diphtheria ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Measles	34	2	1	—	—	3	2	19	5	—	1	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	42	3	1	1	—	4	4	19	5	1	2	2	—	4	—

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
15	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
25	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
TOTAL	2	2	3	3	—	2	—	—

Of the 4 Pulmonary cases notified two had contracted the disease before coming into the Area, one each in the Army and Navy. Of the Non-Pulmonary cases there were 6 of glands, one being a military case. A large camp of Polish Refugee Children was established for the purpose of securing a period of convalescence for them after their war sufferings. Amongst these were 15 who were found to be suffering from Tubercular disease of Lungs and 1 from that of Spine: they were all later removed to a camp in Kent.

